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1. [redacted]
telephoned indicating that one [redacted]

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[redacted] plans to write to Senator Frank Murray (D) asking for assistance. I agreed [redacted] that the Agency should not take any action at this time and await developments.

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2. [redacted] Talked with Lee White and Fred Dutton in the White House inquiring about the HERALD TRIBUNE article which indicated Mr. Dulles' name had been forwarded to the Senate as a Kennedy appointment for confirmation. Mr. Dutton indicated there was no intent to send it forward and in fact a tentative list which had Mr. Dulles' name on it had been retyped deleting it. Apparently no final decision had been made on this question of issuing a commission to the DCI. Lee White advised that the Department of Justice has a small doubt in their mind that if the President signed a commission this act rather than simply being representative of the appointment would in fact be the appointment. Consequently, it would require forwarding it to the Senate. In forwarding it to the Senate apparently leaves some doubt in the mind of the Department of Justice officials who were consulted.

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